



YARMOUTH

Barnstable County



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NARRATIVE

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Yarmouth, incorporated in 1639, is located in the mid-Cape area, about 65 miles southwest of Provincetown and 23 miles east of the Cape Cod Canal. It is one of those Cape towns that extend from Cape Cod Bay on the north across the peninsula south to Nantucket Sound. The most striking physical features of the town are the result of glaciation; the low round hills on the north side of town were created by the leading edge of the glacier as it pushed the land before it. The flat sandy terrain of the southern part of town is the apron of material that was washed out from the glacial ice. Yarmouth is a member of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District and has five public schools located in the town. At a college level, the Cape Cod Community College offers enrollment in its full-time two year programs as well as in its continuing education program. There are three libraries within the town.

Keeping pace with the growth on Cape Cod is the growth of professional and community music, art, dance and theater groups, some of them located in Yarmouth. The community enjoys a variety of recreational programs as well as the town's fifteen public saltwater beaches, five freshwater beaches and two municipal golf courses.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHIC FINANCE AND ECONOMIC

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, on Cape Cod. Bordered by Cape Cod Bay on the north, Dennis on the east, Nantucket Sound on the south, and Barnstable on the west. Yarmouth is 48 miles east of New Bedford, 75 miles southeast of Boston, and 257 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 28.22 sq. miles

Land Area: 24.25 sq. miles

Population: 21,174

Density: 873 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Hyannis Station)

Normal temperature in January.....28.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.4°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Dennis, Hyannis

Regional Planning Agency

Cape Cod Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Barnstable-Yarmouth



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 398-2231

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1639

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	14,673		
Democrats	3,479	23.7	%
Republicans	3,312	22.6	%
Other parties	4	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	7,878	53.7	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Yarmouth town, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	24,807	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	24,807	100.0
Male.....	11,438	46.1	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	358	1.4
Female.....	13,369	53.9	Mexican.....	43	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,084	4.4	Puerto Rican.....	140	0.6
5 to 9 years.....	1,195	4.8	Cuban.....	5	-
10 to 14 years.....	1,289	5.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	170	0.7
15 to 19 years.....	1,062	4.3	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	24,449	98.6
20 to 24 years.....	780	3.1	White alone.....	23,428	94.4
25 to 34 years.....	2,494	10.1	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	3,295	13.3	Total population.....	24,807	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	3,225	13.0	In households.....	24,341	98.1
55 to 59 years.....	1,475	5.9	Householder.....	11,520	46.4
60 to 64 years.....	1,439	5.8	Spouse.....	5,451	22.0
65 to 74 years.....	3,446	13.9	Child.....	5,298	21.4
75 to 84 years.....	2,870	11.6	Own child under 18 years.....	3,936	15.9
85 years and over.....	1,153	4.6	Other relatives.....	825	3.3
Median age (years).....	48.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	219	0.9
18 years and over.....	20,537	82.8	Nonrelatives.....	1,247	5.0
Male.....	9,178	37.0	Unmarried partner.....	586	2.4
Female.....	11,359	45.8	In group quarters.....	466	1.9
21 years and over.....	20,007	80.7	Institutionalized population.....	185	0.7
62 years and over.....	8,329	33.6	Noninstitutionalized population.....	281	1.1
65 years and over.....	7,469	30.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	3,060	12.3	Total households.....	11,520	100.0
Female.....	4,409	17.8	Family households (families).....	6,902	59.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,204	19.1
One race.....	24,412	98.4	Married-couple family.....	5,451	47.3
White.....	23,623	95.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,447	12.6
Black or African American.....	333	1.3	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,116	9.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	81	0.3	With own children under 18 years.....	599	5.2
Asian.....	132	0.5	Nonfamily households.....	4,618	40.1
Asian Indian.....	16	0.1	Householder living alone.....	3,916	34.0
Chinese.....	45	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	2,277	19.8
Filipino.....	11	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,385	20.7
Japanese.....	7	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	5,196	45.1
Korean.....	10	-	Average household size.....	2.11	(X)
Vietnamese.....	5	-	Average family size.....	2.68	(X)
Other Asian ¹	38	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	10	-	Total housing units.....	16,605	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	9	-	Occupied housing units.....	11,520	69.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	5,085	30.6
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	4,549	27.4
Some other race.....	233	0.9	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.6	(X)
Two or more races.....	395	1.6	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.9	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	11,520	100.0
White.....	23,969	96.6	Owner-occupied housing units.....	8,711	75.6
Black or African American.....	446	1.8	Renter-occupied housing units.....	2,809	24.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	157	0.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.14	(X)
Asian.....	183	0.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.04	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	18	0.1			
Some other race.....	466	1.9			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

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HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State	48
Conventional Federal	0

Rental Assistance (DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP)	74
Federal (Section 8)	188



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Yarmouth is situated on Cape Cod, a 65-mile long sandy peninsula comprising Barnstable County. The Cape has excellent highway, rail, bus and air connections to other parts of New England. Air, bus, and passenger rail service expand during the summer months to accommodate the large numbers of tourists.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 6A and 28 and U.S. Route 6. The portion of State Route 6A around Yarmouth Port is a national historic district.

Rail

The Bay Colony Railroad provides freight rail service to Yarmouth. Contact number: (617) 380-3556

Bus

Yarmouth is a member of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), which operates a b-bus demand response service. The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company offers bus service from Yarmouth to Hyannis; connecting to Boston, Providence, RI, and New York, NY.

Other

Barnstable Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR), has two asphalt runways 5,249' and 5,430'. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Marston Mills Airport, a privately owned public use facility, has 2 turf runways: a 1,675'x 45' runway and 2,680'x 70'. Instrument approaches available: None.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Historical Society of Old Yarmouth
11 Strawberry Lane
(508) 362-3021
Winslow Crocker House
Old King's Highway
250 Route 6A
(508) 362-4385

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Mayflower Place Nursing Center

Windsor Nursing & Retirement Home

Hospices

Hospice Association of Cape Cod, Inc

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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